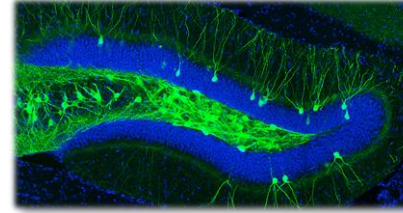


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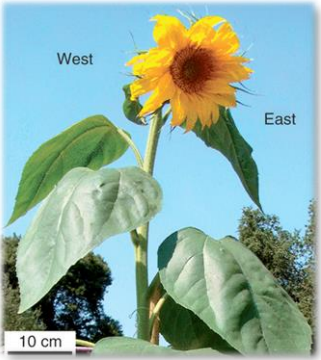


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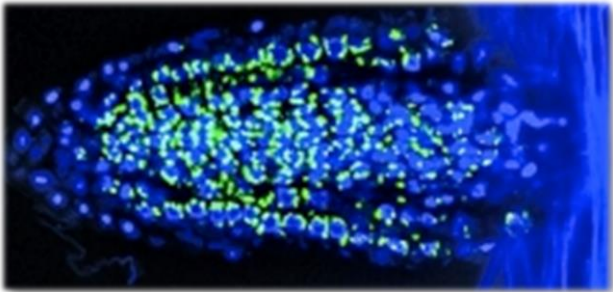


***.....Discovering Overarching Rules***

# A Tale of Two Fields



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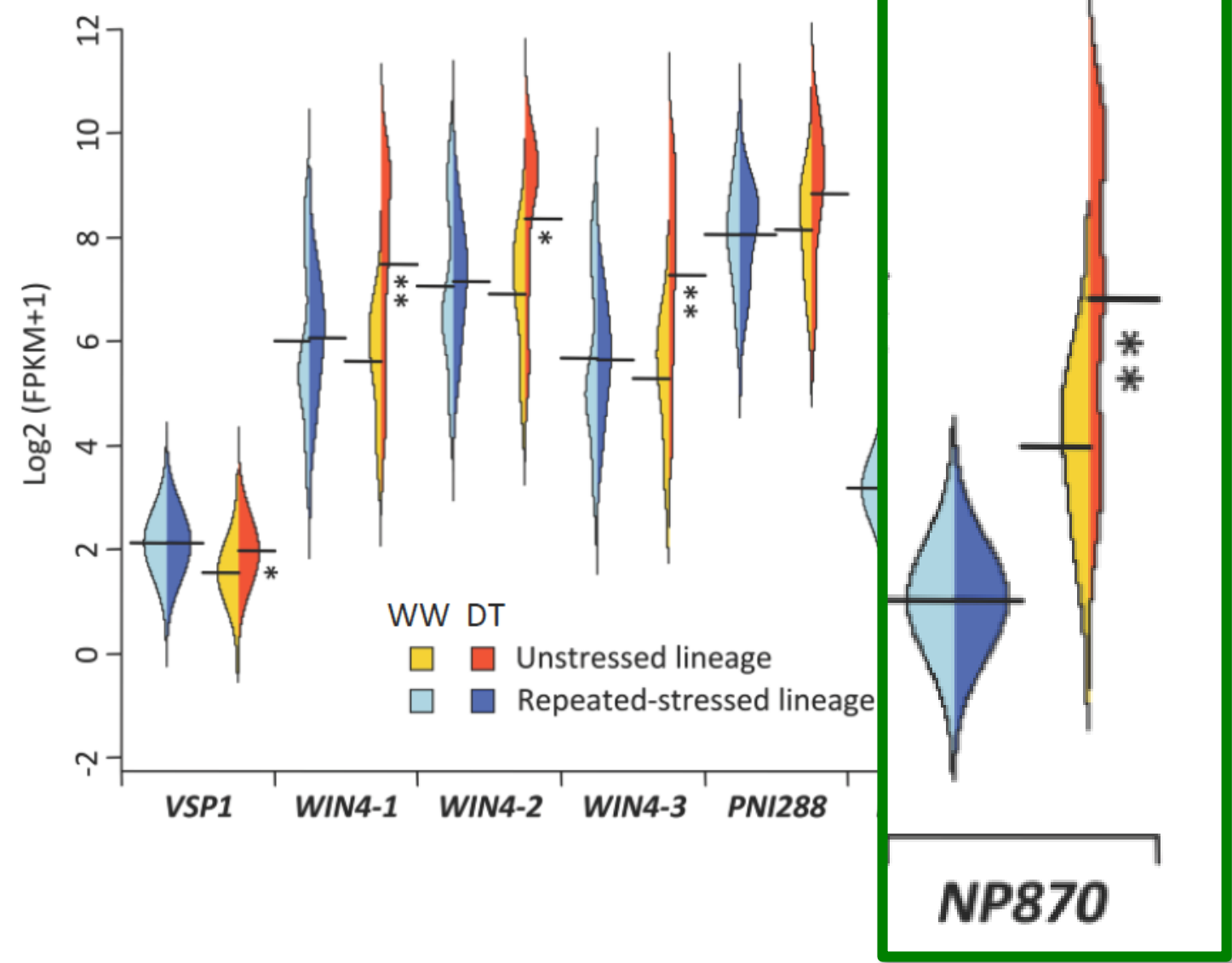
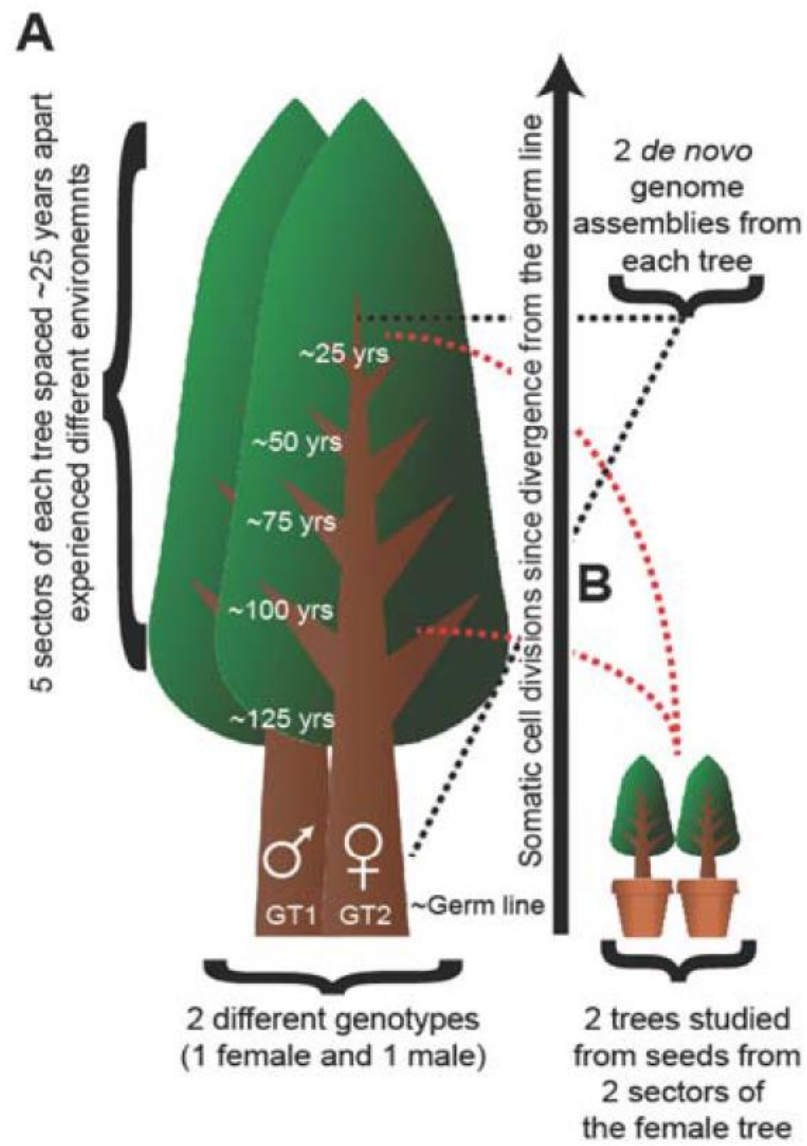


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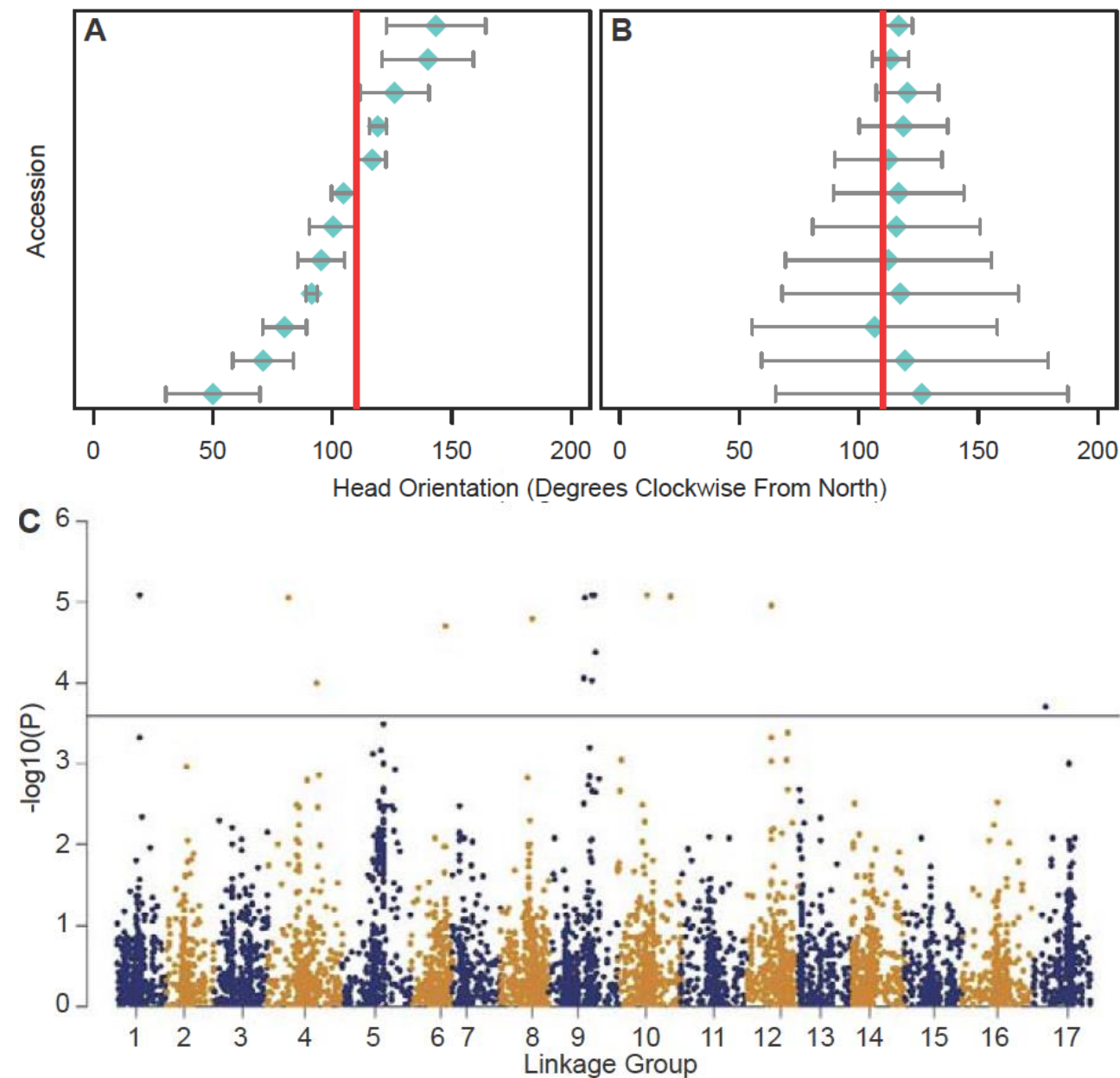
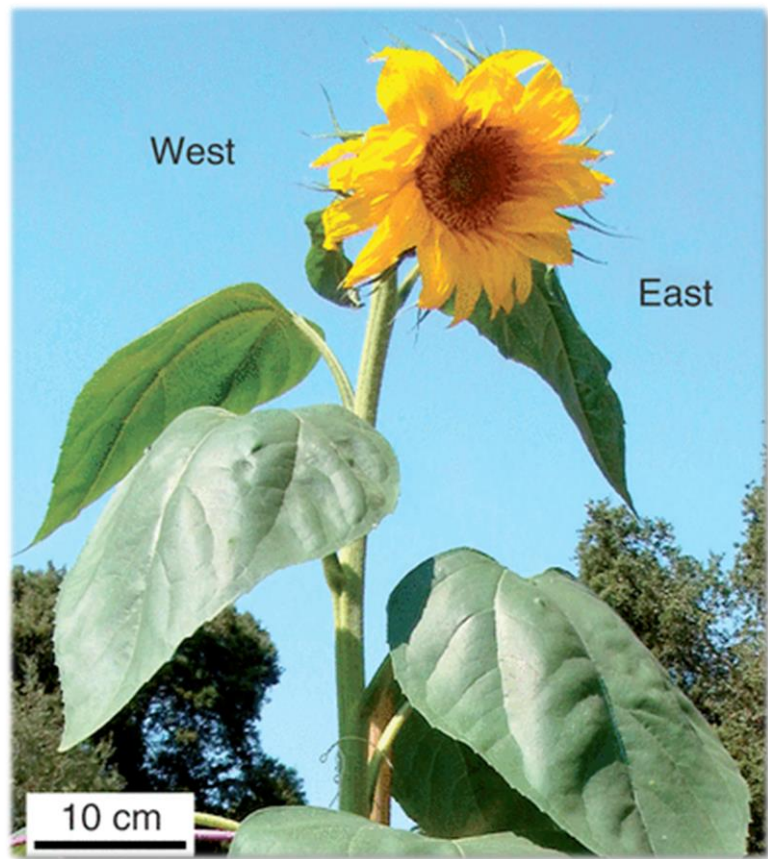
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***Host biology in light of the microbiome: Ten principles of holobionts and hologenomes***

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**Box 1. The Ten Principles of Holobionts and Their Hologenomes**

X. Holobionts and their hologenomes do not change the rules of evolutionary biology

a gene in the nuclear genome to a microbe in the microbiome

VII. The hologenome concept fits squarely into genetics and accommodates multilevel selection theory

VIII. The hologenome is shaped by selection and neutrality

IX. Hologenomic speciation blends genetics and symbiosis

X. Holobionts and their hologenomes do not change the rules of evolutionary biology

## ESSAY

***The Hologenome Concept: Helpful or Hollow?***

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**Box 1. Misconceptions Related to the Hologenome Concept**

Misconception #2: Parallel phylogenies of host and symbiont, or intimacy of host and symbiont associations, reflect coevolution. *Reality: While coevolution can generate parallel phylogenies or intimate associations, these can also result from many other mechanisms.*

Misconception #5: Because of the extreme importance of symbionts in essential functions of their hosts, the integrated holobiont represents the primary unit of selection. *Reality: In most host–symbiont relationships, contrasting modes of genetic transmission will decouple selection pressures.*



## *Getting the Hologenome Concept Right: an Eco-Evolutionary Framework for Hosts and Their Microbiomes*

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“Holobionts and hologenomes are incontrovertible, multipartite entities that result from ecological, evolutionary, and genetic processes at various levels. They are not restricted to one special process but constitute a wider vocabulary and framework for host biology in light of the microbiome.”



1st community effort (15 biologists and philosophers) to distill the hologenome concept

# Holes in the Hologenome: Why Host-Microbe Symbioses Are Not Holobionts

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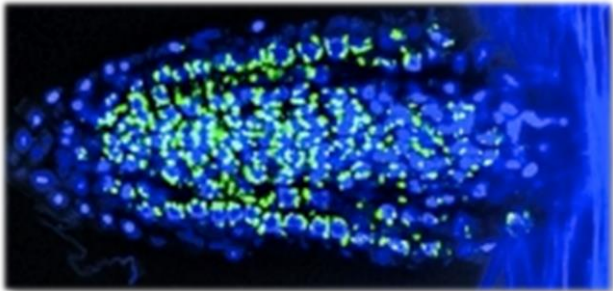


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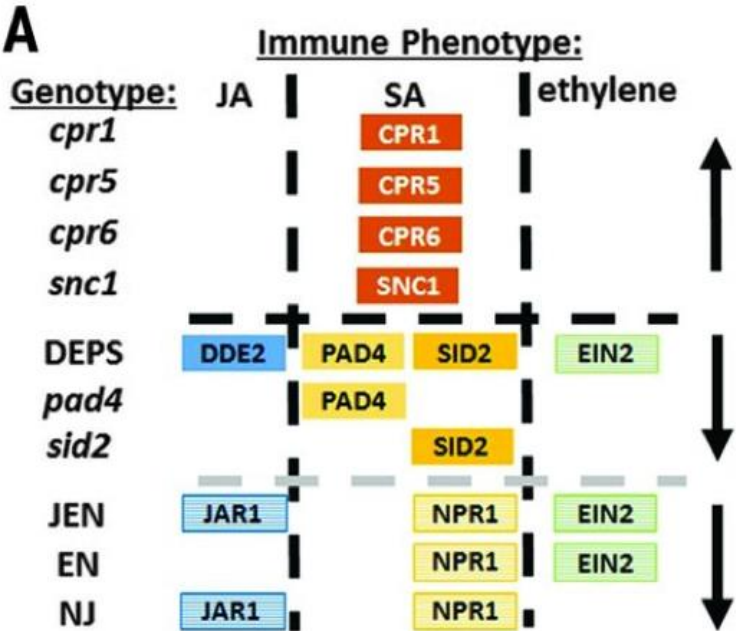
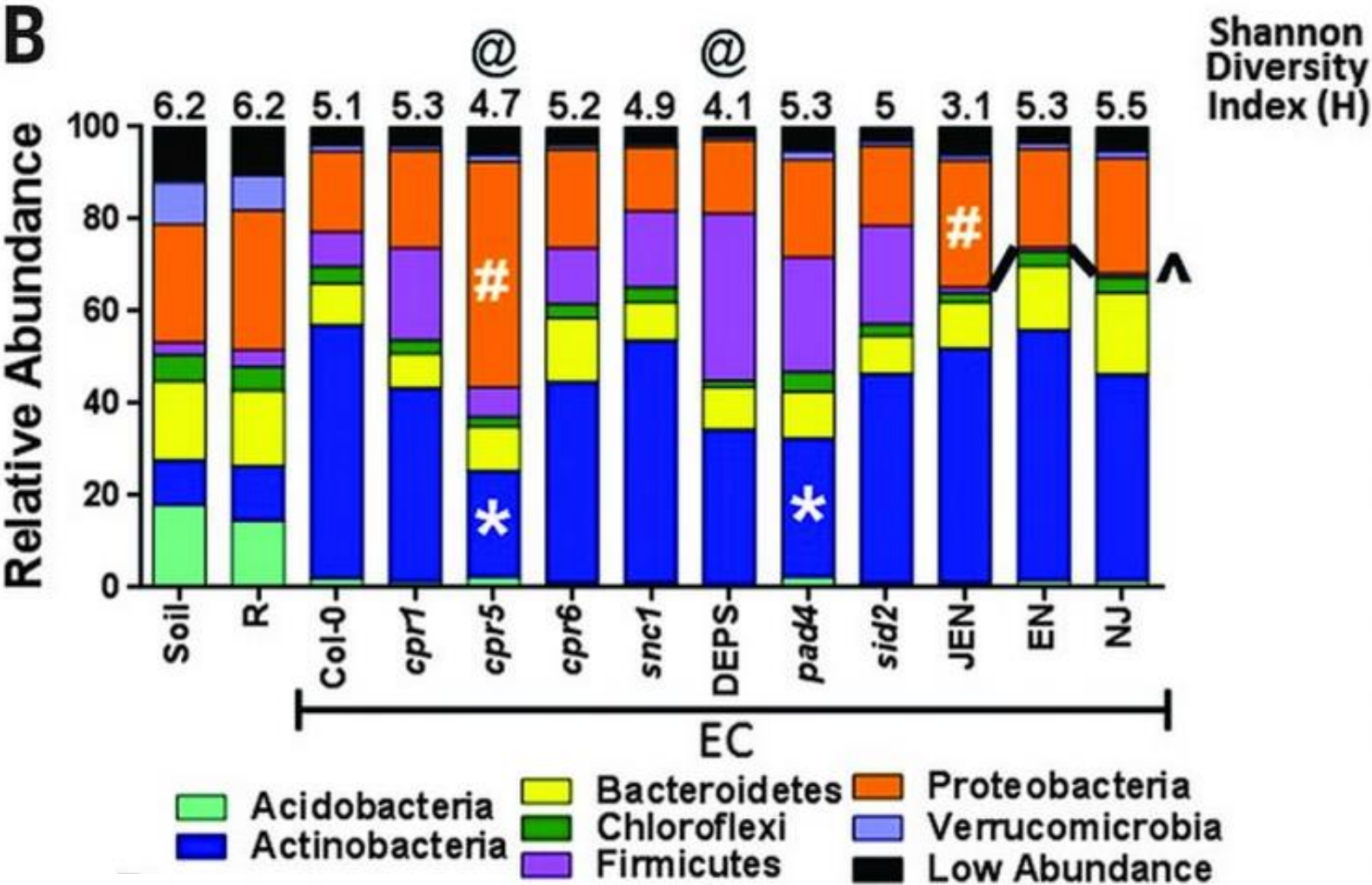
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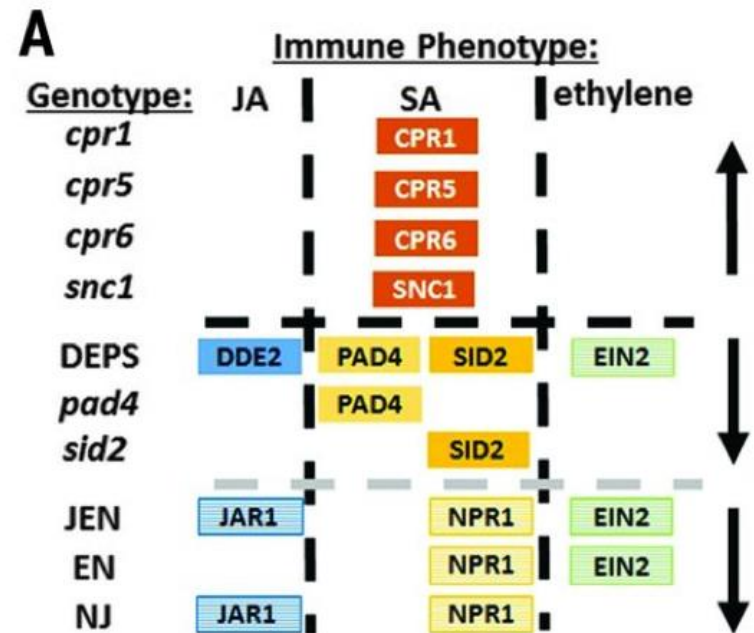
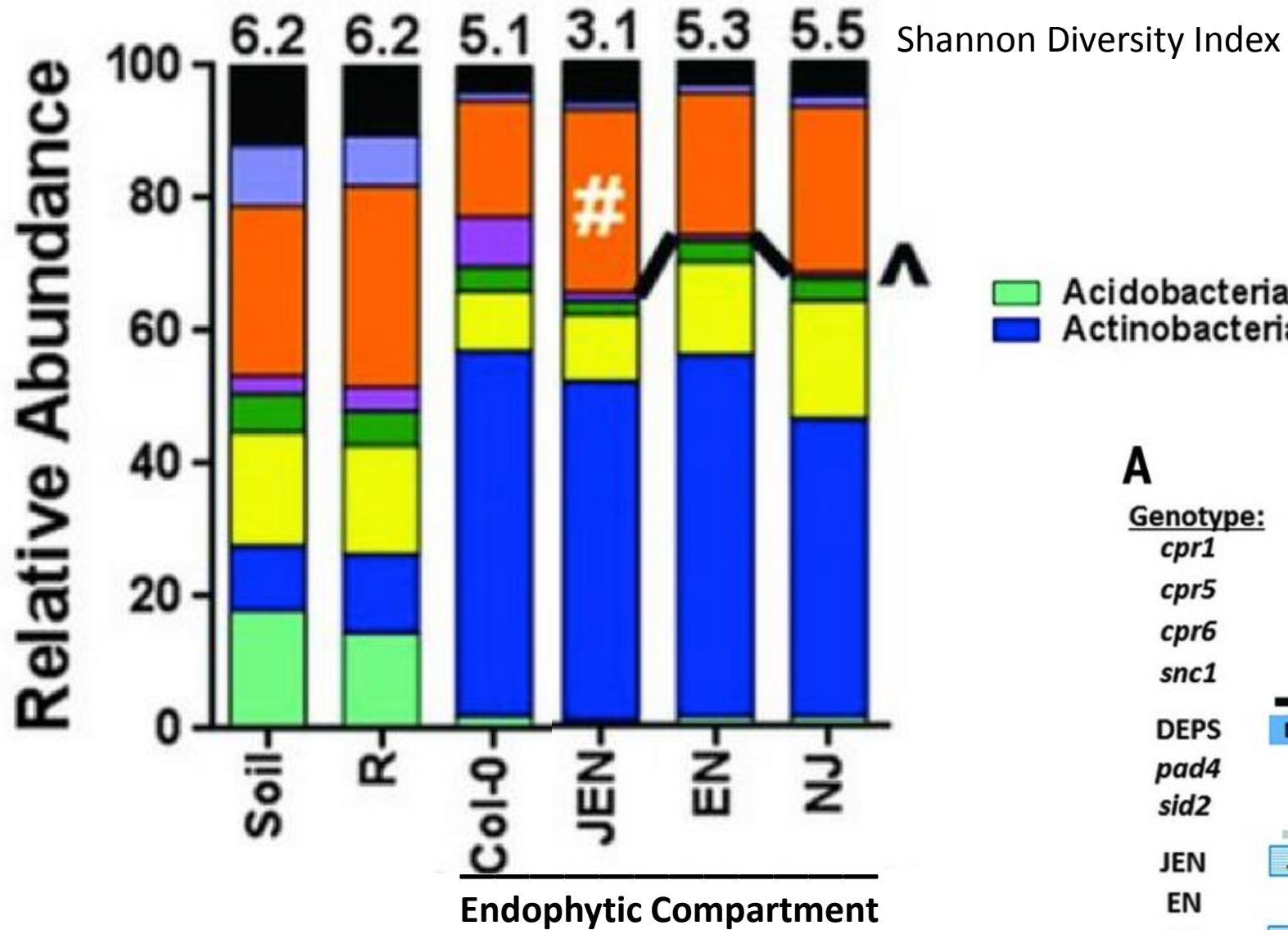
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Lateral root with fluorescent bacteria



Bacterial communities:





How can the study of microbiomes move beyond descriptive and correlative efforts to address biologically significant questions?

## Another Box 1. A Functional Perspective on Microbiomes

- What host- and microbe-derived factors influence the assembly and maintenance of microbiomes? What is the function of these factors?
- How do microbiomes and hosts interact metabolically?
- How do hosts select (and reject) microbial partners?
- What roles do microbiomes play during development, physiological adaptation and in attaining and maintaining immuno-competence?
- How are microbial species distributed across hosts at levels of organization ranging from communities to cells? What kinds of micro-heterogeneity in distribution patterns are present and what is its functional significance?
- How do biotic and abiotic stress and climate change influence microbiome structure and function?
- What is the taxonomic diversity of microbes in a microbiome and what is its functional significance? What level of genomic resolution is required for analysis of microbiome function?
- More generally, how can the study of microbiomes move beyond descriptive and correlative efforts to address biologically significant questions?